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NEW MEXICO HIGHLIGHTS

Based on November 1 conditions, **all cotton** production in New Mexico is expected to total 153,000 480-lb bales, according to the November 1 Agricultural Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. This forecast is down 6 percent from the October 1 forecast, but up 21 percent from last year's crop.

Upland cotton harvested acreage is forecast at 65,000 acres, up 19,000 acres from last year. As of November 1, producers expect to harvest 140,000 480-lb bales of upland cotton, up 24 percent from last year. Upland yield is forecast at 1,034 pounds per acre, down 74 pounds from the October 1 forecast and down 145 pounds from last year. As of November 4, 18 percent of the upland cotton crop had been harvested, compared with 31 percent last year and 33 percent for the 5-year average. The cotton crop was rated 2 percent very poor, 5 percent poor, 26 percent fair, 56 percent good, and 11 percent excellent as of November 4. **Pima cotton** estimates are carried forward from the September 1 forecast. Harvested acreage is estimated at 6,900 acres, down 500 acres from last year. Producers expect to harvest 13,000 480-lb bales of Pima cotton, compared with 13,300 bales last year, and Pima yield is forecast at 904 pounds per acre, up 41 pounds from last year.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

All cotton production is forecast at 18.4 million 480-pound bales, down 7 percent from the October forecast and down 12 percent from last year. Yield is expected to average 852 pounds per harvested acre, down 49 pounds from last month and down 53 pounds from last year. Harvested area for all cotton is expected to total 10.4 million acres, down 1 percent from October and down 7 percent from 2017. Upland cotton production is forecast at 17.6 million 480-pound bales, down 13 percent from 2017. Upland harvested area is expected to total 10.1 million acres, down 7 percent from last year. Pima cotton production, forecast at 771,000 bales, was carried forward from an earlier forecast.

For a full copy of the *Crop Production* report please visit www.nass.usda.gov.